GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Agricultural Marketing Department – Vigilance Report No.51, dt.22.07.2016 - Allegations on irregularities in Cotton MSP operations by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) tie-up with the local Agricultural Market Committees - Charges framed against 97 officials – Explanations received - Entrustment of case to Commissioner of Inquiries – Enquiry Completed – Inquiry Report Communicated – Explanations received – Examined – Disciplinary proceedings Concluded – Further action – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 317 Dated: 31-05-2021.

Read the following:-

1. From D.G. G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.51 (C.No.446/V&E/D1 /2015), dt:22.07.2016.
2. Lr.No.DS1/10481/2050, dt:02.09.2016 of C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.
3. Govt. Memo No.4067/Vig.II(1)/2015, dt:23.05.2017.
4. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.DS(1)/10481/2015, dt.23.05.2017 and dt:21.06.2017 along with WSDs.
5. G.O.Rt.No.793, A&C(VIG.II) Dept., dt:11.12.2017.
6. G.O.Rt.No.79, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt:15.02.2018.
7. From the Commissioner of Inquires and Inquiry Officer, D.O.Lr.No.46/ COI.PKS/2018, dt:22.02.2019.
8. Govt. Memo.No.4067/Vig.II(1)/2015, dt:27.05.2019.
9. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.DS(1)/10481/2015, dt.28.08.2019 along with explanations.

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Whereas, based on complaints received against the officials of Agricultural Marketing Department in the Cotton Purchases by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP operations in the year 2014-15 and on the basis of a report dt:29.06.2015 received from the V&E Department, the C&DoAM has been requested to enquire into the allegations and submit a report to identify the persons responsible.

2. Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration(V&E) Department has submitted report requesting to initiate suitable action against (26) officials of certain AMC employees responsible for the lapses in Cotton MSP operations.

3. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, as per the instructions of the Government, the C&DoAM A.P., Hyderabad has submitted the verification officers enquiry report on the irregularities in the procurement of the cotton by the CCI during 2014-15. As per the report of C&DoAM, it is observed that, there are severe supervisory lapses by district officials, ADMs, DDMs, JDMS and Secretaries of AMCs. Supervisory officers have failed to monitor MSP operations. As reported by the C&DoAM, (75) officials of Marketing Department and 26 persons as per the G.A.(V&E) Department were involved in the issue and (15) persons figured in both the reports.

4. Whereas, as per the enquiry reports, article of charges were framed against Sri Israr Ahmed, DM and (96) other Agricultural Marketing Department employees. In the reference 4th read above, the Spl. C&DoAM has forwarded the WSD of the (97) Charged officers to Govt. for taking further action in the

matter. All the Charged Officers (97 No's) have denied the Article of Charges framed against them in their defence statement.

5. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Sri Lingaraj Panigrahi, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries was appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into all the charges against Sri MD. Israr Ahmed, Director of Marketing and (96) others. Subsequently, Government have reassigned the case to Sri Sarangi, IFS, Commissioner of Inquiry as Inquiry Authority in the reference 6th read above.

6. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, Sri P.K.Sarangi, I.F.S., Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted his Inquiry Report holding the charges partly proved against 19 employees and not proved against (76) Charged Officers out of the 97 employees. (2) C.O.s i.e. Sri V.Krishnudu and Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Supervisor have expired while the enquiry was in progress.

7. Whereas, in the reference 8th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report has been communicated to all (19) Charged Officers with a direction to submit their explanations if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. In the reference 9th read above, the Spl. C&DoAM has reported that, all 19 Charged Officers have submitted their explanations against the Enquiry Officer's Report.

8. Government, after careful examination of the findings of the Inquiring authority, have decided to accept the same and accordingly to abate further action against (C.O.80) Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Supervisor, AMC, Allagadda and (C.O.97) Sri V.Krishnudu, Supervisor, AMC, Nandikotkur, since they expired, while the departmental proceedings are under process and to drop further action against (69) No's of employees as detailed below and they are fully exonerated from the charges. Action will be taken separately against rest of the employees against whom charges are held proved and those covered under the CBI investigation, as per the procedure prescribed in the Rules.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby abate further action against (C.O.80) Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Supervsior, AMC, Allagadda and (C.O.97) Sri V.Krishnudu, Supervisor, AMC, Nandikotkur, subject to recovery of loss, if any, caused to the Government (or) misappropriated by the deceased Government Servant.

10. Further action against the following officers is hereby dropped:-

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Present Place of Working
	Visakhapatnam Region	
1	Sri T.Vema Reddy, Secretary Grade-I	AMC, Palasa (Retired.)
2	Smt. B.Bharathi, Secretary Grade-III	AMC, Kothavalasa
3	Sri T.S.N.V. Prasad, Assistant Secretary	AMC, Saluru
	Vijayawada Region	
4	Smt. K. Nagaveni, Deputy Director of Marketing OD as Selection Grade Secretary	AMC, Sattenpalli
5	Sri J.V.V. Satyanarayana, Assistant Director of Marketing OD as Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Narasaraopeta presently OD at AMC, Vinukonda.
6	Sri V. Naga Raju, Assistant Director of Marketing OD as Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Krosuru
7	Sri J. Ravi Kumar, Assistant Director of Marketing, Vijayawada presently working as Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Pedana

8	Smt. M. Varalakshmi, Assistant Director of Marketing OD as Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Parchur
9	Sri Syed Rafhee Ahmed, Assistant Director of Marketing	Ongole
10	Sri G. Chinna Naik, Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Addanki
11	Sri V. Bhaskara Rao, Special Grade Secretary	AMC, Vuyyuru
12	Sri D. Tirupathi Rayudu, Secretary Grade-I	AMC, Ipur presently OD at AMC, Narasaraopet.
13	Smt B. Sowjanya, Secretary Grade-I	AMC, Mangalagiri
14	Sri U. Yogeswara Rao, Secretary Gr-I	AMC, Kuchinapudi
15	Sri V. Anjaneyulu, Secretary Grade-I	AMC, Mylavaram
16	Sri D.Ch. Subbarao, Secretary Grade-II	AMC, Kanchikacherla
17	Smt. K. Nirmala Devi, Secretary Gr-III	AMC, Guntur
18	Sri T.B.U. Ravi Kumar, Secretary Gr-III	AMC, Podili
19	Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Secretary	AMC, Maddipadu
20	Sri N.V. Narasimha Rao, Assistant Secretary	AMC, Jaggaiahpeta
21	Sri G. Bhavani Prasad, Supervisor	AMC, Ponnur.
22	Sri P. Padma Sekhar, Supervisor	AMC, Chirala
23	Sri P. Rama Krishna, Supervisor	AMC, Darsi
24	Smt. P. Sujatha, Supervisor	AMC, Parchur
25	Sri T. Kiran Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Sattenpalli presently OD at AMC, Guntur.
26	Sri B. Balasowri, Supervisor	AMC, Piduguralla
27	Sri K. Siva Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Guntur
28	Sri D. Srinivasa Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Narasaraopet
29	Sri Shaik Farhimoon, Supervisor	AMC, Narasaraopet
30	Sri T. Mahendranath, Supervisor	AMC, Guntur
31	Sri V. Ananda Bhaskar, Supervisor	AMC, Guntur
32	Smt. K. Swapna, Supervisor	AMC, Jaggaiahpeta
33	Sri M. Nagendram, Supervisor	AMC, Thiruvuru
34	Sri T.S.R. Prasad, Supervisor	AMC, Vijayawada
35	Sri V.L.B. Sastry, Supervisor	AMC, Kalidindi
36	Sri V. Ranga Rao, Supervisor	AMC, Nuziveedu
37	Sri Ch. Siva Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Tenali
38	Sri V. Pichi Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Ongole
39	Sri T. Mastan Rao, Supervisor	AMC, Martur
40	Sri A. Aswini Kumar, UDC	AMC, Vijayawada
41	Sri T. Tirupathi Rao, UDC	AMC, Parchur
42	Sri G. Yallamanda, Assistant Marketing Supervisor	AMC, Macherla
43	Sri S. Kamala Kumar, Assistant Marketing Supervisor	AMC, Narasaraopet
44	Smt. V. Nagamani, Assistant Marketing Supervisor	AMC, Kanchikacherla
45	Sri B. Ravi Kumar, LDC	AMC, Kandukur
46	Sri G. Ravindra Babu, LDC	AMC, Jaggaiahpeta

47	Sri M. Vijaya Bhaskar, Junior Marketing Supervisor	AMC, Rompicherla
	Kadapa Region	
48	Sri P. Rama Rao, Deputy Director of Marketing OD as Selection Grade Secretary	AMC, Adoni
49	Sri P. Naganna, Secretary Grade-I	AMC, Allagadda
50	Sri K. Umapathi Reddy, Secretary Grade-II	AMC, Bangarupalem
51	Sri M. Sreenivasulu, Supervisor	AMC, Pattikonda
52	Sri V. Madan Mohan Reddy, Supervisor	AMC, Koilakuntla
53	Sri B. Santha Kumar, Supervisor	AMC, Yemmiganur
54	Sri K. Venkateswarlu, Supervisor	AMC, Dhone
55	Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, Supervisor	AMC, Alur
56	Sri U. Ramu, Supervisor	AMC, Adoni
57	Sri E. Suresh, Grader	AMC, Kurnool
58	Sri G. Gyanappa, Grader	AMC, Adoni
59	Sri N. Padma Raju, Grader	AMC, Adoni
60	Sri K. Subramanyam, Grader	AMC, Kurnool
61	Sri K. Seshulu, Junior Marketing Supervisor	AMC, Alur
62	Sri Md. Israr Ahmad, Director of Marketing	Special Director, ATMA, Guntur.
63	Sri A. Kishore, Assistant Director of Marketing	O/o: Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Guntur.
64	Smt. V. Sridevi, Assistant Director of Marketing	O/o: Commissioner and Director of AM, Guntur.
65	Sri S. Venkata Subbanna, Deputy Director of Marketing	Deputy Director of Marketing OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa. Presently **Retired**.
66	Sri A. Rami Reddy, Supervisor	Supervisor (**Retired**), AMC, Markapuram, Prakasam District
67	Sri P. Nageswara Rao, Supervisor	Supervisor (**Retired**), AMC, Ipur.
68	Sri Ch. Krishna Rao, Supervisor	Supervisor (**Retired**), AMC, Vuyyur.
69	Sri Ch. Sankara Rao, Assistant Marketing Supervisor	Retired at AMC, Tiruvur.

11. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y MADHUSUDHANA REDDY IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The individuals through C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:-
The D.G. G.A.(V&E) Dept.
The Secretary, APVC.
The Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department.

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SECTION OFFICER